

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to change the multiple dependent claims to single dependent claims in order to eliminate the improper multiple dependent claims and to reduce the government filing fee.

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APPENDIX A
"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

CLAIMS (with indication of amended or new):

(Amended) 5. A drum as claimed in claim 3, **characterized** in that congruence exists between at least two of the segments (7.1, ... 7.4) comprising the drum (2).

(Amended) 6. A drum as claimed in claim 3, **characterized** in that the segments (7.1, ... 7.4) define an outer arc shape (28A).

(Amended) 7. A drum as claimed in claim 3, **characterized** in that each segment (7.1, ... 7.4), in cross section shows a first edge part (42) with a first shoulder (35) and a second edge part (43) with a second shoulder (36), the upper side (37) of the first shoulder (35) and the lower side (38) of the second shoulder (36) exhibiting a flat surface.

(Amended) 9. A drum as claimed in claim 3, **characterized** in that the segments (7.1, ... 7.4) consist of extruded aluminium sections (7.1, ... 7.4).

(Amended) 10. A drum as claimed in claim 3, **characterized** in that the number of segments (7.1, ... 7.4) in the drum (2) is an even number, e.g. 2, 4, 6 or 8.

(Amended) 11. A drum as claimed in claim 3, **characterized** in that the drum (2) per se consists of two or more, preferably four longish segments (7.1, ... 7.4), of identical length, of extruded sections (7.1, ... 7.4), each segment (7.1, ... 7.4) exhibiting an outer arc form (28A).

(Amended) 12. An axle (1) for a brush roller, **characterized** in that the axle (1) consists of a drum (2) as claimed in claim 3, which is arranged between two shaft ends (3, 4), each shaft end (3, 4) being connected to a torque-transmitting plate (50) arranged concentrically in relation to and connected to the end part (22) of the drum (2).

APPENDIX B
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

5. A drum as claimed in [any one of claims 3-4] claim 3, **characterized** in that congruence exists between at least two of the segments (7.1, ... 7.4) comprising the drum (2).
6. A drum as claimed in [any one of claims 3-5] claim 3, **characterized** in that the segments (7.1, ... 7.4) define an outer arc shape (28A).
7. A drum as claimed in [any one of claims 3-6] claim 3, **characterized** in that each segment (7.1, ... 7.4), in cross section shows a first edge part (42) with a first shoulder (35) and a second edge part (43) with a second shoulder (36), the upper side (37) of the first shoulder (35) and the lower side (38) of the second shoulder (36) exhibiting a flat surface.
9. A drum as claimed in [any one of claims 3-8] claim 3, **characterized** in that the segments (7.1, ... 7.4) consist of extruded aluminium sections (7.1, ... 7.4).
10. A drum as claimed in [any one of claims 3-9] claim 3, **characterized** in that the number of segments (7.1, ... 7.4) in the drum (2) is an even number, e.g. 2, 4, 6 or 8.
11. A drum as claimed in [any one of claims 3-10] claim 3, **characterized** in that the drum (2) per se consists of two or more, preferably four longish segments (7.1, ... 7.4), of identical length, of extruded sections (7.1, ... 7.4), each segment (7.1, ... 7.4) exhibiting an outer arc form (28A).
12. An axle (1) for a brush roller, **characterized** in that the axle (1) consists of a drum (2) as claimed in [any one of claims 3-11] claim 3, which is arranged between two shaft ends (3, 4), each shaft end (3, 4) being connected to a torque-transmitting plate (50) arranged concentrically in relation to and connected to the end part (22) of the drum (2).